

# *Another drop in Supporters' Club's profits*

## STERN FINANCIAL WARNING FROM CLUB'S TREASURER

MEMBERS of Wycombe Wanderers Supporters' Club heard their treasurer, Mr. Jack Richardson, repeat, in stern terms, a warning of impending problems, at their annual meeting held at Loakes Park Clubrooms last Wednesday evening.

Reporting another drop in the club's profits over the past 12 months, Mr. Richardson suggested that a "full bodied pool and full time pools promoter is needed."

He expressed concern over the salvation of the Supporters' Club, and said that "if this (the introduction of a pool) is not done, then this club is in a very serious position."

### EXCESS DROP

The excess of income over expenditure for the year ended May 31, was £1,995 as compared to last year's £2,329. But grants made to the parent club totalled £2,700, over £700 more than the excess, leaving a drop in the club's balance from £3,988 as at June 1, 1968, to the present £3,283.

Earlier, opening the meeting, the Supporters' Club chairman, Mr. Ron Fisher, had asked for a moment's silence to be observed in memory of the late Mr. Charles Lance.

"Mr. Lance was always to be seen at matches and invariably was able to attend our meetings. If he wasn't then he always sent his apologies," said Mr. Fisher.

In his address he offered a special mention for Mr. George Fone, in his first year as club secretary in succession to Mr. C. Smallbone. "George has fitted in extremely well and made a first class secretary," he opined.

In his secretary's report, Mr. Fone also paid tribute to the "marvellous relationship with the committee. I've never met such teamwork."

Reporting that the club boasted a membership of nearly 700, Mr. Fone asked for a special "push" in recruitment. "Surely we can raise the figure to over 1,000," he said.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mr. J. Bayliss; chairman, Mr. R. Fisher; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Richardson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Fone. committee—Mr. L. Bullen, Mrs. E. Fisher, Mr. H. Morrell, Mr. W. Ridgley, Mr. A. J. Russell, Mr. S. Wicks, Mr. A. C. Lesley, Mrs. Quartermain, Mr. K. T. Williams.

A proposal that Mr. Bill Ridgley be made an honorary life member of the club was quashed by Mr. Ridgley himself, when he pointed out that he wished to remain on the committee and therefore could not accept the honour.

Mr. Ridgley completed his 40th year of service for the Supporters' Club on the night of the meeting — a fact which Mr. Fisher announced he would bring to the notice of the National Federation of Supporters' Clubs as he thought it might constitute a record.